



Senate Democrats pass budget package, a victory for Biden



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y. speaks during a news conference Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at the Capitol Hill in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats pushed their election-year economic package to Senate passage Sunday, a hard-fought compromise less ambitious than President Joe Biden's original domestic vision but one that still meets deep-rooted party goals of slowing global warming, moderating pharmaceutical costs and taxing immense corporations.

The estimated \$740 billion package heads next to the House, where lawmakers are poised to deliver on Biden's priorities, a stunning turnaround of what had

seemed a lost and doomed effort that suddenly roared back to political life. Cheers broke out as Senate Democrats held united, 51-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris casting the tie-breaking vote after an all-night session.

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"Today, Senate Democrats sided with American families over special interests," President Joe Biden said in a statement from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. "I ran for President promising to make government work for working families again, and that is what this bill does — period." Biden, who had his share of long nights during his three decades as a senator, called into the Senate cloakroom during the vote on speakerphone to personally thank the staff for their hard work.

The president urged the House to pass the bill as soon as possible. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said her chamber would "move swiftly to send this bill to the president's desk." House votes are expected Friday. "It's been a long, tough and winding road, but at last,



President Joe Biden walks to board Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington on his way to his Rehoboth Beach, Del., home, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022.

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at last we have arrived," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., ahead of final votes. "The Senate is making history. I am confident the Inflation Reduction Act will endure as one of the defining legislative feats of the 21st century," he said.

Senators engaged in a round-the-clock marathon of voting that began Saturday and stretched late into Sunday afternoon. Democrats swatted down some three dozen Republican amendments designed to torpedo the legislation. Confronting unanimous

GOP opposition, Democratic unity in the 50-50 chamber held, keeping the party on track for a morale-boosting victory three months from elections when congressional control is at stake.

The bill ran into trouble mid-day over objections to the new 15% corporate minimum tax that private equity firms and other industries disliked, forcing last-minute changes.

Despite the momentary setback, the "Inflation Reduction Act" gives Democrats a campaign-season showcase for action on coveted goals. It includes the largest-ever federal effort on climate change — close to \$400 billion — caps out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors on Medicare to \$2,000 a year and extends expiring subsidies that help 13 million people afford health insurance. By raising corporate taxes and reaping savings from the long-sought goal of allowing the government to negotiate drug prices for Medicare, the whole package is paid for, with some \$300 billion extra revenue for deficit reduction.

Barely more than one-tenth the size of Biden's initial 10-year, \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better initiative, the new package abandons earlier proposals for universal preschool, paid family leave and expanded child care aid. That plan collapsed after conservative Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., opposed it, saying it was too costly and would fuel inflation.

Nonpartisan analysts have said the 755-page "Inflation Reduction Act" would have a minor effect on surging consumer prices. Republicans said the new measure would undermine an economy that policymakers are struggling to keep from plummeting into recession. They said the bill's business taxes would hurt job creation and force prices skyward, making it harder for people to cope with the nation's worst inflation since the 1980s.

"Democrats have already robbed American families once through inflation, and now their solution is to rob American families a second time," Senate Minority

Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., argued.

In an ordeal imposed on most budget bills like this one, the Senate had to endure an overnight "vote-a-rama" of rapid-fire amendments. Each tested Democrats' ability to hold together the compromise bill negotiated by Schumer, progressives, Manchin and the inscrutable centrist Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz.

Progressive Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., criticized the bill's shortcomings and offered amendments to further expand the legislation's health benefits, but those efforts were defeated. Republicans forced their own votes designed to make Democrats look soft on U.S.-Mexico border security and gasoline and energy costs, and like bullies for wanting to strengthen IRS tax law enforcement. Before debate began, the bill's prescription drug price curbs were diluted by the Senate's nonpartisan parliamentarian who said a provision should fall that would impose costly penalties on drug makers whose price increases for private insurers exceed inflation.

It was the bill's chief protection for the 180 million people with private health coverage they get through work or purchase themselves. Under special procedures that will let Democrats pass their bill by simple majority without the usual 60-vote margin, its provisions must be focused more on dollar-and-cents budget numbers than policy changes.

But the thrust of Democrats' pharmaceutical price language remained. That included letting Medicare negotiate what it pays for drugs for its 64 million elderly recipients, penalizing manufacturers for exceeding inflation for pharmaceuticals sold to Medicare and limiting beneficiaries out-of-pocket drug costs to \$2,000 annually.

The bill also caps Medicare patients' costs for insulin, the expensive diabetes medication, at \$35 monthly. Democrats wanted to extend the \$35 cap to private insurers but it ran afoul of Senate rules. Most Republicans voted to strip it from the package, □



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Tribe: California wildfire near Oregon causes fish deaths

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**
Associated Press

A wildfire burning in a remote area just south of the Oregon border appears to have caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Klamath River fish, the Karuk Tribe said Saturday.

The tribe said in a statement that the dead fish of all species were found Friday near Happy Camp, California, along the main stem of the Klamath River. Tribal fisheries biologists believe a flash flood caused by heavy rains over the burn area caused a massive debris flow that entered the river at or near Humbug Creek and McKinney Creek, said Craig Tucker, a spokesman for the tribe.

The debris entering the river led to oxygen levels in the Klamath River dropping to zero on Wednesday and Thursday nights, according to readings from tribal monitors at a nearby water quality station.

A photo from the Karuk taken about 20 miles (32 kilometers) downstream from the flash flood in the tributary of Seiad Creek showed several dozen dead fish belly up amid sticks and other debris in thick, brown water along the river bank. The full extent of the damage is still unclear but the tribe said late Saturday it appears the fish found dead 20 miles downstream were swept there after their deaths and that the fish kill isn't impacting the entire river.

"We think the impact is limited to 10 or 20 miles of river in this reach and the fish we

are seeing in Happy Camp and below are floating downstream from the 'kill zone,'" the tribe said in an updated statement, adding it continues to monitor the situation.

The McKinney Fire, which has burned more than 90 square miles (233 square kilometers) in the Klamath National Forest, this week wiped out the scenic hamlet of Klamath River, where about 200 people lived. The flames killed four people in the tiny community and reduced most of the homes and businesses to ash.

Scientists have said climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. Across the American West, a 22-year megadrought deepened so much in 2021 that the region is now in the driest spell in at least 1,200 years. When it began, the McKinney Fire burned just several hundred acres and firefighters thought they would quickly bring it under control. But thunderstorms came in with ferocious gusts that within hours had pushed it into an unstoppable conflagration. The blaze was 30% contained on Saturday.

The fish kill was a blow for the Karuk and Yurok tribes, which have been fighting for years to protect fragile populations of salmon in the Klamath River. The salmon are revered by the Karuk Tribe and the Yurok Tribe, California's second-largest Native American



In this photo provided by the Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources are dead fish that are found on a 20-mile stretch of the Klamath River in northern California between Indian Creek and Seiad Creek on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, near Happy Camp, Calif.

Associated Press

tribe.

The federally endangered fish species has suffered from low flows in the Klamath River in recent years and a parasite that's deadly to salmon flourished in the warmer, slower-moving water last summer, killing fish in huge numbers.

After years of negotiations, four dams on the lower river that impede the migration of salmon are on track to be removed next year in what would be the largest dam demolition project in U.S. history in an attempt to help the fish recover. □

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Tourists find safety after floods close Death Valley roads

By **JACQUES BILLEAUD** and **MICHAEL R. BLOOD**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hundreds of hotel guests trapped by flash flooding at Death Valley National Park were able to drive out after crews cleared a pathway through rocks and mud, but roads damaged by floodwaters or choked with debris were expected to remain closed into next week, officials said Saturday.

The National Park Service said Navy and California Highway Patrol helicopters have been conducting aerial searches in remote areas for stranded vehicles, but had found none. However, it could take days to assess the damage — the park near the California-Nevada state line has over 1,000 miles (1,609 kilometers) of roadway across 3.4 million acres (1.3 million hectares).

No injuries were reported from the record-breaking rains Friday. The park weathered 1.46 inches (3.71 centimeters) of rain at the Furnace Creek area. That's about 75% of what the area typically gets in a year, and more than has ever been recorded for the entire month of August. Since 1936, the only single day with more rain was April 15, 1988, when 1.47 inches (3.73 centimeters) fell, park officials said.



In this photo provided by the National Park Service, cars are stuck in mud and debris from flash flooding at The Inn at Death Valley in Death Valley National Park, Calif., Friday, Aug. 5, 2022.

Associated Press

Nikki Jones, a restaurant worker who is living in a hotel with fellow employees, said rain was falling when she left for breakfast Friday morning. By the time she returned, rapidly pooling water had reached the room's doorway.

"I couldn't believe it," Jones said. "I hadn't seen water rising that fast in my life." Fearful the water would come into their ground-floor room, Jones and her friends put their luggage on beds and used towels at the bottom of doorways to keep water from streaming in. For about two hours,

they wondered whether they would get flooded.

"People around me were saying they had never seen anything this bad before — and they have worked here for a while," Jones said.

While their room was spared, five or six other rooms at the hotel were flooded. Carpet from those rooms was later ripped out. Most of the rain — just over an inch — came in an epic downpour between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Friday, said John Adair, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Las Vegas.

The flooding "cut off access

to and from Death Valley, just washing out roads and producing a lot of debris," Adair said.

Highway 190 — a main artery through the park — is expected to reopen between Furnace Creek and Pahrump, Nevada, by Tuesday, officials said.

Park employees also stranded by the closed roads were continuing to shelter in place, except for emergencies, officials said. "Entire trees and boulders were washing down," said John Sirlin, a photographer for an Arizona-based adventure company who wit-

nessed the flooding as he perched on a hillside boulder, where he was trying to take pictures of lightning as the storm approached.

"The noise from some of the rocks coming down the mountain was just incredible," he said in a phone interview Friday afternoon. In most areas water has receded, leaving behind a dense layer of mud and gravel. About 60 vehicles were partially buried in mud and debris. There were numerous reports of road damage, and residential water lines in the park's Cow Creek area were broken in multiple locations. About 20 palm trees fell into the road near one inn, and some staff residences also were damaged.

"With the severity and widespread nature of this rainfall it will take time to rebuild and reopen everything," park superintendent Mike Reynolds said in a statement.

The storm followed major flooding earlier this week at the park 120 miles (193 kilometers) northwest of Las Vegas. Some roads were closed Monday after they were inundated with mud and debris from flash floods that also hit western Nevada and northern Arizona. Friday's rain started around 2 a.m., according to Sirlin, who lives in Chandler, Arizona, and has been visiting the park since 2016. □

4 riding in golf cart killed in crash at Texas intersection



This booking photo provided by the Galveston Police Department on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, shows Miguel Espinoza.

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Four people riding in a golf

cart were killed — including two juveniles — when an allegedly intoxicated man driving an SUV ran a stop sign at an intersection in Southeast Texas, police said.

Miguel Espinoza, 45, has been charged with four counts of intoxication manslaughter in the crash about 11:30 p.m. Saturday in Galveston, roughly 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Houston, police said.

Espinoza was being held in Galveston County jail Sunday on \$400,000 bond, police said. Jail records did not list an attorney for him. Galveston police Sgt. Der-

ek Gaspard said that after the SUV failed to stop, it struck a pickup truck, which then crashed into the golf cart that had six people aboard. He said that the golf cart and pickup were traveling in opposite directions through the intersection on a street that did not have a stop sign.

Police said the adult driver of the golf cart was pronounced dead at the scene while a woman and two juveniles on the golf cart were taken to a hospital, where they died. The two other passengers — an adult and a juvenile — were hospitalized Sunday

in critical condition, police said. Espinoza, who lives in the Houston-area city of Rosenberg, and his passenger had minor injuries, police said. They were taken to the hospital and later released.

The occupants of the pickup were not injured, Gaspard said. Names and ages of the dead weren't immediately released.

Gaspard said that he believes the golf cart, which was rented, was operating legally on the city street. He said members of two different families were riding on the golf cart at the time of the crash.

Galveston Mayor Craig Brown said golf carts have become "quite a prolific mode of transportation" for residents and visitors to the island resort area, which is located on the Gulf of Mexico.

Brown said that the city has in the past put in place ordinances aimed at making them safer, and will be considering additional ordinances at an upcoming City Council meeting.

"I was out last night," Brown said. "The island was busy and there were golf carts — residential as well as rental golf carts — out all over these streets." □

Shift in war's front seen as grain leaves Ukraine; plant hit

By SUSIE BLANN
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Six more ships carrying agricultural cargo held up by the war in Ukraine received authorization Sunday to leave the country's Black Sea coast as analysts warned that Russia was moving troops and equipment in the direction of the southern port cities to stave off a Ukrainian counteroffensive. Ukraine and Russia also accused each other of shelling Europe's largest nuclear power plant.

The loaded vessels were cleared to depart from Chornomorsk and Odesa, according to the Joint Coordination Center, which oversees an international deal intended to get some 20 million tons of grain out of Ukraine to feed millions going hungry in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia.

Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the United Nations signed the agreements last month to create a 111-nautical-mile sea corridor that would allow cargo ships to travel safely out of ports that Russia's military had blockaded and through waters that Ukraine's military had mined. Implementation of the deal, which is in effect for four months, has proceeded slowly since the first ship embarked on Aug. 1.

Four of the carriers cleared Sunday to leave Ukraine were transporting more than 219,000 tons of corn. The fifth was carrying more than 6,600 tons of sunflower oil and the sixth 11,000 tons of soya, the Joint Coordination Center said. Three other cargo ships that left Friday passed their inspections and received clearance Sunday to pass through Turkey's Bosphorus Strait on the way to their final destinations, the Center said.

However, the vessel that left Ukraine last Monday with great fanfare as the first under the grain exports deal had its scheduled arrival in Lebanon delayed Sunday, according to a Lebanese Cabinet minister and the Ukraine Embassy.

The cause of the delay was not immediately clear.

Ukrainian officials were initially skeptical of a grain export deal, citing suspicions that Moscow would try to exploit shipping activity to mass troops offshore or send long-range missiles from the Black Sea, as it has done multiple times during the war. The agreements call for ships to leave Ukraine under military escort and to undergo inspections to make sure they carry only grain, fertilizer or food and not any other commodities. Inbound cargo vessels are checked to ensure they are not carrying weapons.

In a weekend analysis, Britain's Defense Ministry said the Russian invasion that started Feb. 24 "is about to enter a new phase" in which the fighting would shift to a roughly 350-kilometer (217-mile) front line extending from near the city of Zaporizhzhia to Russian-occupied Kherson.

That area includes the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station which came under fire late Saturday. Each side accused the other of the attack.

Ukraine's nuclear power plant operator, Energoatom, said Russian shelling damaged three radiation monitors around the storage facility for spent nuclear fuels and that one worker was injured. Russian news agencies, citing the separatist-run administration of the plant, said Ukrainian forces fired those shells.

Russian forces have occupied the power station for months. Russian soldiers there took shelter in bunkers before Saturday's attack, according to Energoatom. Rafael Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, recently warned that the way the plant was being run and the fighting going on around it posed grave health and environmental threats.

For the last four months of the war, Russia has concentrated on capturing the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, where pro-



The Star Helena bulk carrier, centre, makes its way from the port in Odesa, Ukraine, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022.

Associated Press

Moscow separatists have controlled some territory as self-proclaimed republics for eight years. Russian forces have made gradual headway in the region while launching missile and rocket attacks to curtail the movements of Ukrainian fighters elsewhere.

The Russians "are continuing to accumulate large quantities of military equipment" in a town across the Dnieper River from Russian-held Kherson, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington think

tank. Citing local Ukrainian officials, it said the preparations appeared designed to defend logistics routes to the city and establish defensive positions on the river's left bank.

Kherson came under Russian control early in the war and Ukrainian officials have vowed to retake it. It is just 227 kilometers (141 miles) from Odesa, home to Ukraine's biggest port, so the conflict escalating there could have repercussions for the international grain deal. □

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Ex-rebel takes oath as Colombia president in historic shift

By **MANUEL RUEDA**

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

Colombia's first leftist president was sworn into office Sunday, promising to fight inequality and heralding a turning point in the history of a country haunted by a long war between the government and guerrilla groups.

Sen. Gustavo Petro, a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, won the presidential election in

June by beating conservative parties that offered moderate changes to the market-friendly economy, but failed to connect with voters frustrated by rising poverty and violence against human rights leaders and environmental groups in rural areas.

Petro is part of a growing group of leftist politicians and political outsiders who have been winning elections in Latin America since the pandemic broke out

and hurt incumbents who struggled with its economic aftershocks.

The ex-rebel's victory was also exceptional for Colombia, where voters had been historically reluctant to back leftist politicians who were often accused of being soft on crime or allied with guerrillas.

A 2016 peace deal between Colombia's government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia turned much of the



President-elect Gustavo Petro smiles during a 'popular and spiritual' inauguration ceremony presided over by local Indigenous groups and feminist activists, in Bogota, Colombia, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.

Associated Press

focus of voters away from the violent conflicts playing out in rural areas and gave prominence to problems like poverty and corruption, fueling the popularity of leftist parties in national elections.

Petro, 62, has promised to tackle Colombia's social and economic inequalities by boosting spending on anti-poverty programs and increasing investment in rural areas. He has described U.S.-led antinarcotics policies, such as the forced eradication of illegal coca crops, as a "big failure." But he has said he would like to work with Washington "as equals," building schemes to combat climate change or bring infrastructure to rural areas where many farmers say coca leaves are the only viable crop.

Petro also formed alliances with environmentalists during his presidential campaign and has promised to turn Colombia into a "global powerhouse for life" by slowing deforestation and taking steps to reduce the country's reliance on fossil fuels.

The incoming president has said Colombia will stop granting new licenses for oil exploration and will ban fracking projects, even though the oil industry makes up almost 50% of the nation's legal exports. He plans to finance social spending with a \$10 billion a year tax reform that would boost taxes on the rich and do away with cor-

porate tax breaks.

Petro has also said he wants to start peace talks with remaining rebel groups that are currently fighting over drug routes, gold mines and other resources abandoned by the FARC after their peace deal with the government.

"He's got a very ambitious agenda," said Yan Basset, a political scientist at Bogota's Rosario University. "But he will have to prioritize. The risk Petro faces is that he goes after too many reforms at once and gets nothing" through Colombia's congress.

Eight heads of state attended Petro's inauguration, which was held at a large colonial-era square in front of Colombia's Congress.

Stages with live music and big screens were also placed in parks across Bogota's city center so that tens of thousands of citizens without invitations to the main event could join in the festivities. That marked a big change for Colombia where previous presidential inaugurations were more somber events limited to a few hundred VIP guests.

"It's the first time that people from the base can come here to be part of a presidential inauguration," said Luis Alberto Tombe, a member of the Guambiano tribe who showed up at the swearing in ceremony, wearing a traditional blue poncho. "We feel honored to be here." □



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Fundacion Movimiento ta Bida organizing Caribbean Active Aging Congress

ORANJESTAD – Fundacion Movimiento ta Bida is known for promoting physical activities and habits for a more healthy life for the elderly population in Aruba. During a recent press conference, Rosa Leon announced the Caribbean Active Aging Congress II (CAA II). Leon elaborated on the focus of the congress and how this will contribute to the well-being of the older persons in Aruba.

Five years ago, Fundacion Movimiento ta Bida (Movement is Life Foundation) presented its first Caribbean Active Aging Congress, for which the main focus was to provide all professionals in Aruba and the Caribbean with the necessary information on the physical aspect and general aspects for older persons. The importance of this was really creating awareness on how to work with older persons.

Leon explains that CACC II has the objective of creating awareness and preparing Aruba and the Caribbean regarding the aging population, as well as all the challenges associated with this. CAAC II has the objective also to increase the abilities of older persons to remain active, healthy and to live independently in their community.

Caribbean Active Aging Congress this year will take place on the 1st and 2nd of October. The 1st of October is a special day because worldwide, on this day World Day for Older Persons is celebrated. Every year the United Nations has a theme for this celebration, and this year's theme is resilience, and the contributions of older females. Leon commented that the UN wants to emphasize the role and determination that the older female plays in order to surpass any global challenge, and at the same time their contribution to solve this with resilience and strength.

"If we want to focus on the quality of life of our older persons, it is important to give them the necessary tools so that they can work on their own lives. But the question we all ask ourselves is, are we ready to become an older adult in a healthy way?" Leon highlights. She indicated that to elaborate on this question, CAAC II will present seven local speakers and four international speakers who will discuss various aspects, for example, incurable diagnosis, how to deal with this and what can be done. They will also expand on the physical aspect, aging, social aspect and pension, among other topics.



During the congress, the discussion will also touch on alternatives for living arrangements and care at home, how the situation is currently on Aruba regarding aging, and what this means for the island.

Leon indicated that there will also be a panel of older persons who will focus on the active older persons in Aruba, at the beautiful age of 80+, what they are doing to remain active and contribute in society.

Mrs. Carmen Bislip, who is older than 90, is active in society and lives independently, was also present during the press conference and shared her experience as an active older person 90+.

Bislip emphasizes that a

person is getting older does not mean that they can't do anything anymore. She said that really, an older adult cannot do everything like they used to when they were 18, 20 or 30 years old, but there are many things that do remain possible.

"Firstly, don't be afraid of getting old. Start from when the body starts showing you that you cannot do everything, start looking forward", she said. "If you want to know how to live life as a happy older person, come on the 1st and 2nd of October. Being old doesn't mean that you have to just sit with your arms crossed and say 'I am old, I cannot go anywhere'. I might not be able to do everything, but what I can do, brings me joy."

Leon explained that they want to invite younger persons to attend the congress as well. "We want to bring awareness among our youth, because if you want to contribute to a good quality of life in your old age, you need to start right now, preparing yourself for wellbeing as an older adult", Leon said.

Finally, Leon said that Fundacion Movimiento ta Bida is extremely grateful for the support that the foundation has received. Recently the foundation received a contribution from the Ministry of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Older Persons Affairs, which saw the necessity and importance to have a congress of this magnitude for the community.



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Aruba Massive Brassband participates in the parade at Magic Kingdom in Orlando



Oranjestad - Aruba Massive Brassband participated in the Magic Kingdom Parade in Orlando during this past weekend.

Inaugurated on October 1st in the year 1971, The Magic Kingdom Parade is a large theatrical presentation that takes place at The Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World. This dates back to the beginning of the theme park. As of March 9th 2014, the daily parade

has been called Festival of Fantasy. The parade begins in Frontierland and ends at Main Street, running at about 30 minutes in length.

Recently, on August 5th, Aruba Massive Brassband participants carried the Aruban flag in the parade, bringing joy and pride to all Arubans both present at the parade and here on the Island. According to the Massive Brassband website, Massive Brass-

band International is a part of Aruba's long history of Asambeho music tradition, which is a history that started in the year 1960. Massive Brass Band International started when Roderich Lopez, who was musical director and owner of Massive Brass Band came back to Aruba from The Netherlands in 2010. He started playing the music of Asambeho at the early age of 5 years old,

and played with Aruba Angels Brass Band. Eventually he started his own brass band named Massive Brass Band, which plays modern and old school music combined with their own rhythm, Asambeho, which was originally made in Aruba by 3 friends. Arnold Beide, Alfonso Bulto Gibbs and Samuel Hodge back in 1960. To read more about this wonderful story, visit their website massivebrass-

band.com.

Thanks to the participants, Aruba's name and flag shines again on international stage, where friends, family, supporters and fellow Arubans felt proud of these participants and the accomplishments they are bringing back home, as well as wish them all success and thank them for taking Aruba's name higher. □





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The honorees were Jim and Monika McCroskey, residents of Arizona, United States who have been honored as Distinguished Visitors

This symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.



The top reasons for returning provided by the honorees were Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort being their second home, the resort's employees and guests that contribute to the overall experience, the beautiful beach, the delicious restaurants on the Island and the friendliness of the Aruban people.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger & Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority and members of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort bestowed the certificate of the Ambassadors and

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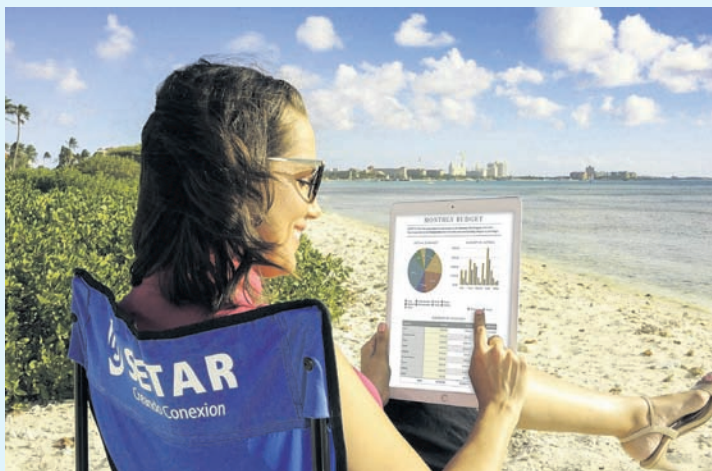
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beach. Let us introduce to you the these locations.

Museum of Industry Aruba
Museum of Industry in San Nicolas, better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum presents the history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and

multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments fund in 2003 so it could be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Fundacion Museo Arubano (FMA), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban culture sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 1 pm.

For more information check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in downtown Oranjestad has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997 the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004 a financial agree-

ment was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006 restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the new to build exhibition space. In December 2007 the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts an attractive public program including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

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Mervine Kock after bodybuilding championship: “It was a very difficult process, but great to go through”

A few weeks ago we interviewed Mervine Kock, a 65 year old bodybuilder, who was preparing to participate in her first bodybuilding championship after more than 30 years. During a recent interview, she told our reporter how the competition went, what her experience was and what her future plans are after this competition.

Kock says that the championship itself was very well organized and everything went by really fast. She says that it went faster than she expected, and for this reason, she didn't have a lot of time to warm-up like she would've wanted and eat what she needed to eat. “Everything went a lot faster than we thought, because you need to be well prepared before you get up on the stage”, she says.

But in general, Kock's experience went really well and her performance was also good. She says that her poses and routine were good; even though she forgot a few poses during her performance, because of nervousness from standing in front of a large public which was loud, but on stage she had to focus to do her poses.

Kock explains that she reached the point where she was 80% without fat, and next she wants to reach 90%. Kock explains that her coach, Rene Wild, told her that it would take more weeks to reach 90% without fat, because this time it took her eight weeks, but next time it will take 10 to 12 weeks.

“Because I didn't compete in a long time, and the body is something that once it has fat and then you go and burn all the reserves, it reaches a point that it doesn't want to lose anymore and starts retaining the fat. This is where you have to fight the hardest”, she said.

Kock commented that she was questioned a lot on the way her coach was guiding her, because during the last week she was doing split training, training in the morning and afternoon, while keeping a very strict diet.

She said that the week before the competition, she was drinking six liters of water per day to hydrate her muscles, and as the day of the competition was approaching, the amount of water was reduced. But she points out that it's not true that she had to avoid drinking any water. With every meal she was drinking 2oz of water, and on the last few days, she would consume a bit of carbohydrate to see how her body would react.

“I would train at 5 in the morning, go home and eat three egg whites at 8am. By 10am I would eat another three egg whites. At noon I would go to the gym for my second session of training, afterwards go home and eat 100 gram of tuna cooked in the air fryer. I wouldn't eat anything else, and I would drink the water that was needed, and then repeat the next day. That was the process that made my body eat all the fat reserves it had, and it made me very lean until I reached 80%, and I was leaner than I even thought possible”, Kock commented.

The process to prepare for a bodybuilding competition has different phases. Kock explains that when the lines of the muscles start showing, at that point the body is charged with carbohydrates, so she began eating two spoonfuls of rice every two and a half hours with 2oz of white fish, and this way the muscles began forming through the carbohydrates. “My shoulders were more rounded, my back started getting more definition, my legs, and my abs came out really well. It's a very difficult process, but great to go through, because it's an experience that you go through together with your body”, she added.

Kock came out in third place during the championship, which had four participants in her category, which was Open Category. She emphasizes that she is very happy and proud of her body, and she's thankful for the guidance she received from her coach to achieve her results.

Currently, after the competition ended, the work continues. Kock explains that right now she is on a meal plan for maintenance, because the percentage of fat in her body is not allowed to increase anymore. This is because if it increases too much, it becomes very difficult to lower it again.

Kock explains that the meal plan varies. For example, right now her coach has her on a low-carb diet, later the amount of carbohydrate is increased, then lowered again, and it keeps varying like that. Every Saturday morning Kock has to weigh herself and send this to her coach, to see how to adjust her diet every week. “I have to maintain the discipline myself too, to not go eating whatever”, she says.

Her training schedule also changed. She explains that right now, during a month he will train only four times a week, afterwards it will be five times a week, and finally she will go to three times a week in order to have more rest to allow her muscles to grow.

Kock already has plans to take part next year in the Caribbean Championship. The Caribbean Championship is an event in which all islands in the Caribbean, as well as some South American countries compete, and Kock hopes to compete in her category, Master, which is for people 60+ so that she can compete against others her own age.



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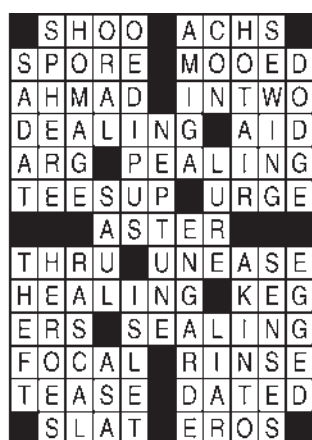
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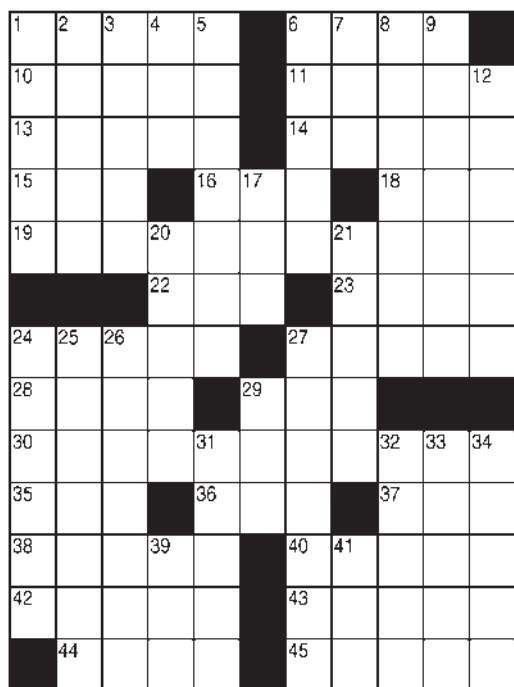
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'Quasi-preneurs' see opportunity, challenges in franchising



The husband and wife team of Kelly Jackson, left, and Davina Arceneaux stand for a portrait at their Motto Mortgage office Thursday, July 28, 2022, in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

Associated Press

By MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In 2020, Kelly Jackson and Davina Arceneaux wanted to leave their company jobs and become business owners. They were looking for something both COVID-proof and recession-resistant.

Instead of completely stepping out from under a corporate umbrella, they looked at franchising. The two worried about the notoriously tight margins for restaurants. They looked at a drug testing franchise, but the initial investment was too steep.

A franchising mentor told them about Motto Mortgage Home Services, and Jackson and Arceneaux opened one in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, in July of 2020 with an initial investment of \$35,000.

"People always need new places to live and are always buying and selling houses," Jackson said. He takes rising interest rates in stride. "Interest rates move up and down, that's what they do, that's part of the industry."

Jackson and Arceneaux, who had been a senior IT program and project manager and an assistant director of catering, respectively, had no experience with mortgages, but Motto Mortgage provided training and support.

"You don't necessarily need experience in that industry in order to go into that category, the brand will

train you," said Matt Haller, president and CEO of the International Franchise Association.

In the months after the pandemic hit, many people with corporate jobs decided to strike out on their own, in what's referred to as the "Great Resignation." They looked for alternatives, including opening up a franchise with an established brand.

The "quasi-preneurs" opening franchises say they like the ability to buy into a proven brand name and the access to tools and operations that you wouldn't get if you started your own small business. But franchising has plenty of challenges, too. There are a lot of rules and regulations to abide by. Contracts are lengthy and can be difficult to terminate.

The number of U.S. franchises grew an estimated 3% in 2021 to 774,965 after a dip in 2020, according to IFA. Those include big franchises like McDonald's or 7-Eleven, but all types of businesses can be franchised, from pool cleaners to barbershops.

There are about 3,000 franchisor brands in the U.S. The IFA predicts franchises in the U.S. will grow 2% to 792,014 this year. That's still just a fraction of the 32.5 million total small businesses in the U.S.

Franchise owners buy in with an initial fee — anywhere from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars — to get

their business, and then pay a monthly royalty percentage. In return, they get use of the brand name and marketing, and other support.

As a classically trained pastry chef, Helen Kim often dreamed of owning her own bakery. But when she decided to strike out on her own, Kim thought building a business from scratch would be "too big of a mountain for me to climb." While working at the Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Kim was a frequent customer at Paris Baguette. She was impressed, and last year bought a Paris Baguette franchise in the city with her sister.

While the financial requirements are strict — according to the company website, franchisees need a net worth of \$1.5 million and \$500,000 in liquid assets — Kim said it was worth it. While the money invested in a franchise is still at risk if the business fails, brand name recognition and franchisor support offer more of a safety net than establishing an unknown brand.

However, getting used to a franchise structure can be an adjustment. When Chris Dordell and his husband Jason Fenske decided to leave their jobs at Wells Fargo and Salesforce and open two Club Pilates in 2018 and a YogaSix studio in 2020, in and around Palm Springs, they appreciated the playbook provided by the franchisor, Xponential. "It was appealing at this stage after being in corporate jobs for 20-plus years that we could plug into an existing model," Dordell said. But Dordell said following the corporate rule book took some adjusting to. There were some costs incurred while building the franchises that could have been cut, but "in keeping the consistency across the company, we were required to follow the model." If a franchisor changes corporate management or gets sold, a franchisee can be left in the lurch. □

U.K.: 'Early signs' that monkeypox outbreak may be peaking

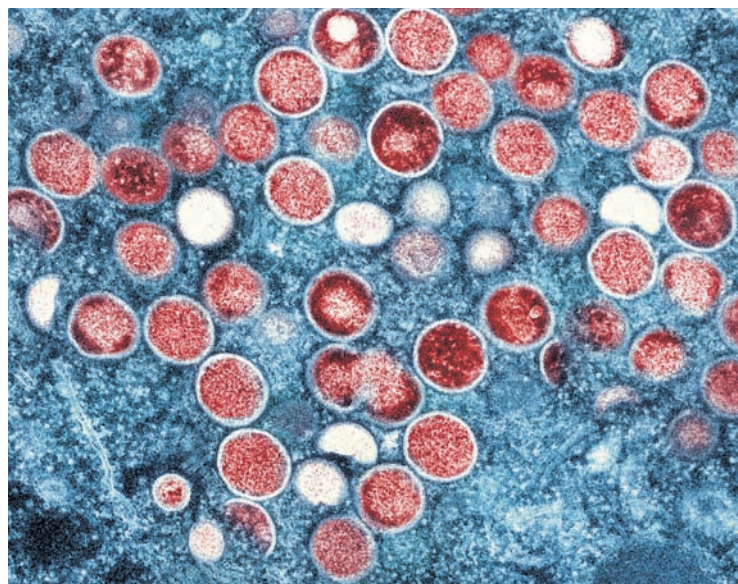
By **MARIA CHENG**
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — British health authorities said Friday the monkeypox outbreak across the country may be peaking and that the epidemic's growth rate has slowed.

The U.K.'s Health Security Agency said in a statement there were "early signs that the outbreak is plateauing," with 2,859 cases detected since May. No deaths have been reported. Last month, authorities estimated the outbreak was doubling in size about every two weeks, but the number of new infections has dropped in recent weeks.

"While the most recent data suggest the growth of the outbreak has slowed, we cannot be complacent," said Dr Meera Chand, Director of Clinical and Emerging Infections at the Health Security Agency. She said anyone who thought they might have monkeypox should skip meeting friends, social gatherings, and avoid sexual contact.

The Health Security Agency said its most recent analysis of the outbreak "shows that monkeypox continues to be transmitted primarily in interconnected sexual networks of gay, bisexual, or men who have sex with other men." More than 70% of the U.K.'s cases are in



This image provided by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) shows a transmission electron micrograph of monkeypox particles found within an infected cell, cultured in the laboratory that was captured and color-enhanced at the NIAID Integrated Research Facility (IRF) in Fort Detrick, Md.

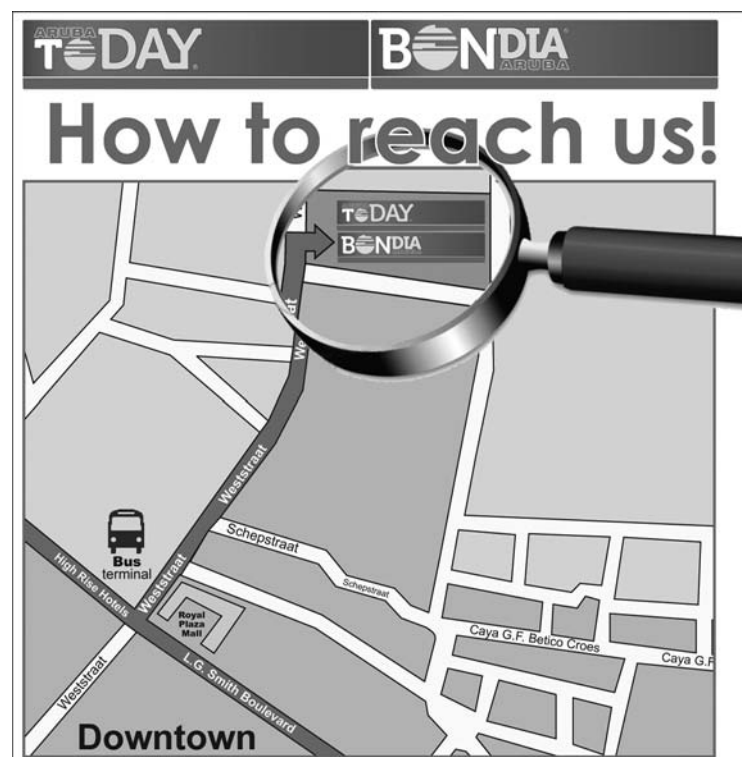
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London.

British officials noted a small number of infections among women, but said there was not enough evidence to suggest there was sustained spread of monkeypox beyond gay and bisexual men; 99% of all cases in the U.K. are in men.

Scientists who analyzed monkeypox viruses in the U.K. noted a number of mutations compared to viruses circulating in Africa, but said there was no evidence those genetic changes made monkeypox any more transmissible. Experts suspect the mon-

keypox outbreaks in North America and Europe may have originated in Africa long before the disease started spreading via sex at two raves in Spain and Belgium. □



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Ashleigh Buhai wins Women's British Open after playoff

MUIRFIELD, Scotland (AP)

— After seeing a five-shot lead slip away in the final round, Ashleigh Buhai still managed to secure a first major title at the Women's British Open.

Buhai kept her composure to beat In Gee Chun — and the setting sun — in a playoff at Muirfield on Sunday for her first career victory in an LPGA Tour event. With the light fading, the South African golfer made a superb bunker shot on the fourth playoff hole to leave herself with a short par putt, while Chun settled for a bogey.

The 33-year-old Buhai calmly rolled in from less than three feet and then clutched her face in relief, before being drenched in water and other beverages by her entourage.

"I was surprisingly calm," Buhai said about the clutch bunker shot that secured the victory. "My caddie said to me on the last one, I don't want to brag, but she said 'Show them why you're No. 1 in bunkers this year.' So, you know, she gave me the confidence. Maybe it's got something to do with Muirfield and South Africans and bunker shots." Ernie Els also won the men's



South Africa's Ashleigh Buhai poses for the media holding the trophy after winning the Women's British Open golf championship, during the presentation ceremony in Muirfield, Scotland, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022.

Associated Press

British Open in a playoff at Muirfield in 2002 after a memorable bunker shot during the final round. This was the first time the Women's British Open was played at Muirfield, a club that didn't even allow female members until 2019 following a vote two years earlier.

Buhai made things a lot more difficult than they

had to be, though.

She entered the final round with a commanding five-shot lead and was still three strokes ahead before a triple bogey on the par-4 15th that put her level with Chun.

Both players missed long birdie putts on the 18th as they settled for a playoff after finishing on 10-under 274.

"I know there are a lot of people in South Africa with lots of gray hairs right now after that 15th hole," Buhai said. "But I'm very proud of myself, the way I dug deep and kept myself in it to get into that playoff."

Buhai shot a 4-over 75 in the final round, while Chun carded a 70.

Hinako Shibuno of Japan, the 2019 champion, fin-

ished one shot back in third after missing a chip from just off the green that would have made it a three-way playoff.

Chun was in trouble on the first two playoff holes, but her short game bailed her out both times.

On the first, Chun sent her second shot into a bunker while Buhai found the heart of the green. But the South Korean hit a near-perfect bunker shot to within a few feet of the hole to salvage the par. On the second, she needed to make an 8-foot bogey putt to stay in it after sending her second shot wide and then barely making it onto the green with a chip from the tall grass.

Buhai nearly won it on the third playoff hole, but her long putt for the win pulled up a few inches away from the hole.

For Buhai, the win more than made up for a near-miss at that 2019 Women's British Open, when she led the event at the halfway stage at Woburn but finished fifth. "Forgive me, there will be a few tears," Buhai said during the trophy presentation. "Obviously there's a lot of hard work and many years of dedication going into this." □

Samsonova tops Kanepi for women's tennis title in Washington



Liudmila Samsonova, of Russia, places a bag of ice on her head during a final against Kaia Kanepi, of Estonia, at the Citi Open tennis tournament Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Liudmila Samsonova hit 10 aces and won her second career WTA title by coming back to beat sixth-seeded Kaia Kanepi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 at

the Citi Open on Sunday. Samsonova is a 23-year-old Russian currently ranked 60th after needing to sit out part of the season, including Wimbledon, because of her country's invasion of

Ukraine. She used a powerful serve that reached 119 mph against Kanepi to make her way through the bracket at the hard-court tournament, including a victory over reigning U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu.

Samsonova's other championship came last year at a grass-court tournament in Berlin. Kanepi, a 37-year-old from Estonia, was seeking her fifth trophy and first since 2013. She faded on Sunday after taking the first set and left the court for a medical timeout late in the second set during a five-game run for Samsonova. The men's final at the U.S. Open tuneup event was to follow, pitting Wimbledon runner-up Nick Kyrgios against Yoshihito Nishioka. Kyrgios was the 2019 cham-

pion in Washington. That final was scheduled to be shown on Tennis Channel, which shunted the women's final off its main station and instead aired pickleball.

Both women are quite capable of terrific serving and showed so right away: Kanepi closed out her first service game with a 96 mph ace; Samsonova finished off hers with a 112 mph service winner.

When Samsonova delivered an ace at 113 mph to hold for 4-all, the match was 25 minutes old, and neither player had generated a break point. By the end, Samsonova had won 35 of 43 first-serve points.

This was big-serve, quick-strike tennis between a pair of women with similar playing styles on a humid,

90-degree Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) afternoon not all that conducive to lengthy exchanges or a lot of running. Some spectators held umbrellas to provide shade; portable electric fans were placed next to sideline seats to offer a bit of respite to Kanepi and Samsonova during changeovers.

Kanepi finally found an opening and barged through while ahead 5-4 at the outset. Right after smacking a 119 mph ace, Samsonova gifted two unforced errors off backhands — one into the net, the other wide — to offer up the match's initial break point and, as it happened, a set point. Kanepi handled the ensuing 117 mph serve, sending it deep and rushing Samsonova, whose wild forehand ended that set. □

Rose dismisses sexual misconduct questions at Phillies fete

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pete Rose dismissed questions Sunday about his first appearance on the field in Philadelphia since the franchise scrapped 2017 plans to honor him because of a woman's claim she had a sexual relationship with baseball's hit king when she was a minor.

"It was 55 years ago, babe," Rose told a female baseball writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rose, though, had no trouble reminiscing about the 1980 World Series champion Phillies team — it was 42 years ago, Pete — that was honored before Sunday's game.

After initially getting booed lightly, the 81-year-old Rose received a standing ovation from Phillies fans — many not even born or too young to remember baseball's hit king in his prime — when he walked onto the Citizens Bank Park field for the first time since he received a lifetime ban from Major League Baseball in August 1989.

"They made me feel real good today," Rose said of the cheers. "I don't want to say I expected it. I guess I did expect it from Philly fans. That's the way they are. They love their sports heroes."

Rose's already stained reputation suffered another blow in 2017 when the Phillies called off a planned induction into the team's Wall of Fame because of the sexual misconduct accusations levied against him. Rose brusquely responded to the reporter's question before the game — and later apologized to her following Sunday's ceremony after initially saying, "will you forgive me if I sign 1,000 baseballs for you?" — and was just as combative on the topic after the pre-game celebration.

"I'm going to tell you one more time: I'm here for the Philly fans, I'm here for my teammates, OK," Rose said. "I'm here for the Philly organization and who cares what happened 50 years ago."

The woman, identified as Jane Doe in 2017, said Rose called her in 1973, when she was 14 or 15, and they began a sexual relationship in Cincinnati that lasted several years. She also alleged Rose met her in locations outside Ohio for sex. Rose's lawyer had said the woman's claims were unverified.

Rose acknowledged in 2017 that he did have a relationship with the woman, but he said it started when she was 16. He also said they never had sex outside Ohio.

At the time, Rose was in his mid-30s and was married with two kids.

Rose was among many former great Phillies — including Hall of Famer Steve Carlton, and fellow World



Former Philadelphia Phillies player Pete Rose walks onto the field for an alumni day event before a baseball game between the Phillies and the Washington Nationals, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, in Philadelphia.

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Series champions Bob Boone, Greg Luzinski and Larry Bowa — honored for the 1980 team. Mike Schmidt sent a videotaped message and missed the alumni day festivities be-

cause he tested positive for COVID-19.

"We've been doing it for a while, coming back every year, and to mix Pete in, I thought, was very special," Boone said. "When I go to

(Cooperstown), I always thought he should be there. You can write anything there, but he was the greatest hitter in the league. Put his name up and put he did this, got punished for whatever."

Last month, the Phillies defended the decision to invite Rose to participate in the ceremony.

"In planning the 1980 reunion, we consulted with Pete's teammates about his inclusion," the Phillies said in a statement. "Everyone wants Pete to be part of the festivities since there would be no trophy in 1980 without him. In addition, the club received permission from the Commissioner's Office to invite Pete as a member of the championship team." □

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